

**Consumer Task Force**  
**Michigan Association of Community Mental Health Boards**  
**August 26, 2008 10:00 am - noon**  
**MINUTES**

**ATTENDEES:** Pamela Armisted, RoAnne Chaney, Roxanne Chang, Jacqui Day, Ian Engle, Orystine Gully. Laura Hall, Sharon Hall, Sara Harrison, Sharon Hold, Betty Kirk, Suanne McBrien, Cathy McRae, Marion Owen, Robin Ripmaster, Veretta Triplett, Cyndy Viars, Colleen Widders, Nora Barkey, Robert Curtner, John M. Jokisch, Joe Longcor, Wendi Middleton, Tari Muñiz, Jackie Tichnell

**INTRODUCTIONS**

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** - Minutes were approved. Sara Harrison requested clarification of co-op, Partners in Personal Care.

**OFFICE UPDATE** - Jackie Tichnell distributed an update to the Office. It was recommended that the Long-Term Care Forums be continued for next year.

**STATUS OF BUDGET** - Joanne Bump, Office of Long-Term Care Supports and Services, provided a summary of the Fiscal Year 09 budget. No new money is available, so if something is to be funded, something else would have to receive a cut in funding. Any savings from a program would be returned to the General Fund, to be re-allocated.

- With more people needing services (baby boomers), how can the State keep the budget neutral?
- The Department decides how the additional appropriations for the MI Choice wait list will be distributed.
- The savings from an independent determination of nursing facility level of care (by the SPEs) are projected to be from adverse actions. It was noted that there continues to be an appeal process for consumers who wish to question the level of care determination.

The new budget discussions have already started for Fiscal Year 2010. The Task Force was urged to continue it's advocacy for Money Follows the Person, to testify before the legislature, and to visit your local legislators.

**AFFORDABLE ASSISTED LIVING** - Tim McIntyre provided a handout and a summary of the Affordable Assisted Living demonstration. There is approximately \$3million in the budget appropriations for this demonstration. The services operations have not yet been developed, but it was noted that the money will follow the person (not be tied to the residence) and the consumer will have choice of providers. There are 5 demonstration sites. The steering committee is developing policies based on community-based values, not institutional values. There were discussions regarding Hoyer and ceiling lifts, roll-in vs walk-in showers, and people who may be to move due to a change in income. The steering committee is developing an evaluation instrument, outcome measures, and possibly using the affordable assisted living minimum data set (used by PACE).

Wendi Middleton asked if the steering committee had been in contact with SAGE, for their expertise of builders who design standards for facilities that are accessible to persons with disabilities.

Mr. McIntyre will check with the steering committee to see if some members of this Task Force may join.

**LTC FOR POST-RELEASE PRISONERS** - Rob Curtner provided a powerpoint presentation on this new project. The demographics of this population are unknown and the Office is looking for possible grants to pursue funding for research. Rob briefly discussed the Michigan Prisoner Re-Entry Program, which are small programs within some prisons to assist the parolee with return to their community.

- Michigan prisons contract for their health care for prisoners
- Only looking at post-release cases
- Not much is known about faith-based initiatives.
- The impact of this population on the system is unknown. (Affect on the MI Choice wait list, capacity of the community)

- There is a lack of expertise of providers to deal with this population.
- Parolees do have an impact on those living in their neighborhoods (e.g., a parolee may return to drug dealing in a community with person with disabilities who have no option of moving some where else.)
- Mental health is very involved with this population in many counties.
- The Action Program, in many churches, also provide help to parolees.

## **OTHER**

- Ian Engles was hired as the director of the Centers of Independent Living in Durango, Colorado. He will start in October.
- Rob Curtner advised the Task Force that the scope of the Prepaid LTC project has changed to include primary care, as well as long-term care. Person-centered planning and self-determination will continue to be primary to the projects.
- Wendi Middleton thanked the Consumer Task Force for their letter of support for OSA's newest grant submission.
- Nora Barkey noted that the three of the documents that were distributed are the Office's first draft of comparing the Long-Term Care Task Force recommendations to what the Office has/is doing. Your comments are welcome.